

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Christopher Robert COX et al.

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For: INTEGRATED PLASTICIZED CARD IN A PAPER CARRIER AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (amended) A method of forming a carrier sheet as claimed in claim 21, wherein there is further provided before step (i) inputting personalized data in a computer programmable unit whereby said step (i) comprises printing personalized information.

Please cancel claim 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

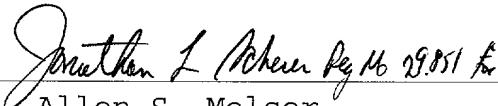
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

23. (amended) A method of forming a carrier sheet as claimed in claim 21 [claims 21 and 22], wherein there is further provided before step (i) inputting personalized data in a computer programmable unit whereby said step (i) comprises printing personalized information.